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REMARKS

The Office Action mailed April 22, 2008, has been carefully considered together with each of the references cited therein. The amendments and remarks presented herein are believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action. Accordingly, reconsideration of the present Application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Applicant courteously directs the Office's attention to an Information Disclosure Statement file under a separate cover with a mail date of July 17, 2008.

Claim Status

Claims 1 –11 are pending in the subject Application. By this Amendment, Claim 11 has been cancelled. Consequently, the claims under consideration are believed to include Claims 1 – 10.

Claim Objections

Claim 11 is objected to over 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous Claim. By this Amendment, Applicant has deleted Claim 11. Applicant respectfully overcomes this objection, which is moot.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claim 11 stands rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Trokhan, et al. This rejection is respectfully overcome. By this Amendment, Applicant has cancelled Claim 11. Therefore, the rejection of Claim 11 is moot.

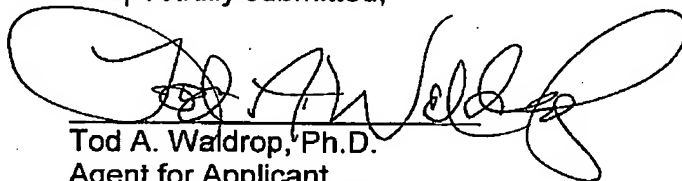
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As the total number of claims does not exceed the number of claims originally paid for, no fee is believed due. However, if an additional fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. 03-2060.

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In view of the forgoing amendments and remarks, the present Application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and reconsideration of it is requested. If the Examiner disagrees, she is requested to contact the agent for Applicant at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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